

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-9 are pending in the application upon entry of this amendment. Claims 1 and 3 have been amended herein. Claim 2 has been canceled. Favorable reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

I. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of claims 5-9. Moreover, applicants acknowledge the indicated allowability of claims 2-4 subject to being amended to independent form.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate the features of allowable claim 2, now canceled. Applicants have amended claim 3 to now depend from claim 1.

For at least the above reasons, applicants respectfully submit that all claims 1 and 3-9 are in condition for allowance. The art rejection set forth in the Office Action becomes moot in view of the above amendments.

II. CONCLUSION

Accordingly, all claims 1 and 3-9 are believed to be allowable and the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Should a petition for an extension of time be necessary for the timely reply to the outstanding Office Action (or if such a petition has been made and an additional extension is necessary), petition is hereby made and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees (including additional claim fees) to Deposit Account No. 18-0988.

Respectfully submitted,

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